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## The Big Rocks

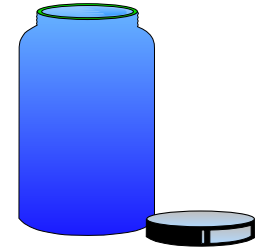
One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, “Okay, time for a quiz.” Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide mouthed Mason jar and placed it on the table in front of him.

Next he brought out about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, “Is the jar full?” Everyone in the class said, “Yes.”

He then reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in the jar and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks.

Then he asked the group once more, “Is the jar full?” By this time the class was on to him. “Probably not,” one of them

answered. “Good,” he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, “Is the jar full?” “No,” the class answered.



Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. He looked at the class and asked, “What is the point of this illustration?” One eager student raised his hand and said, “The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in.”

“No,” the speaker replied. “That’s not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is that if you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never get them in at all.” If the sand, gravel, and water had been placed in the jar first, then the larger rocks would have never fit.

What are the “big rocks” in your life? The Lord and the Church? Your children? Your loved ones? Your education? Your dreams? A worthy cause? Teaching and helping others? Doing things that you enjoy? Time for yourself? Your health? Your spouse?

Remember to put these big rocks in first or you’ll never get them in at all. If you concentrate on the smaller things of life that are usually less important, then you’ll run out of time for taking care of the really important things of life.

What are the ‘big rocks’ in my life?

—adapted ❖



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# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, and Jean Coffey. Vicki McDaniel** had an MRI this past week to determine issues with memory losses and motor control issues.

The results showed no problems with her previous brain surgery and causes are still unknown. Further testing awaits.

—Ruby Edwards has asked for us to pray for **Tessa Casteel**. She is an 8th grader and former student of Ruby's. She had a large knot on her tongue and it is cancer. Her grandfather was an elder at the Poplar Log congregation in southern Barren County. I was the minister there before here.

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## Where “U” are needed

“U” are needed in Bible ST\_DY,  
not in “ignorance.”  
“U” are needed in S\_PPORT,  
not in “neglect.”  
“U” are needed in \_NITY,  
Not in “division.”  
“U” are needed in D\_TY,  
Not in “irresponsibility.”  
“U” are needed in B\_ILDING,  
Not in “tearing down”  
“U” are needed in the CH\_RCH,  
Not in the “world.”

—via The Branson Messenger  
Branson, MO

Sunday, March 17, 2012		
Classes	15	John 19:1-14
Preaching	21	False Religions (Signs of them )
Contribution	\$615.00	
Evening	21	Nehemiah 9:1-38
Wednesday, March 20, 2012		
Classes	19	Judges 16:1-31

Visitors—  
Mar 17(AM) Curtis McDaniel (Uno, KY); Rachel Lane (Priceville, KY)  
Mar 17(PM) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN)

## Bible Quiz

What had Samson been since his mother’s womb?

Last Week’s Answer— 300 (Judges 15:4)

You can hear our services live and view what is displayed on the screen during services on YouTube. You can access our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/munfordvillecoc](https://www.youtube.com/user/munfordvillecoc) or go to our webstie and click on “live broadcasts” and there you’ll see the YouTube link. Not only are the services broadcast live, but then they are archived for later viewing.

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)